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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	JULY 99/JULY 98	JULY 99/JUNE 99
MANITOBA	2.1	0.2
CANADA	1.8	0.3

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.1% in July 1999 compared with July 1998, up from the annual rate of 1.9% in June. Canada's annual rate of price increase in July was 1.8%, up from 1.6% the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

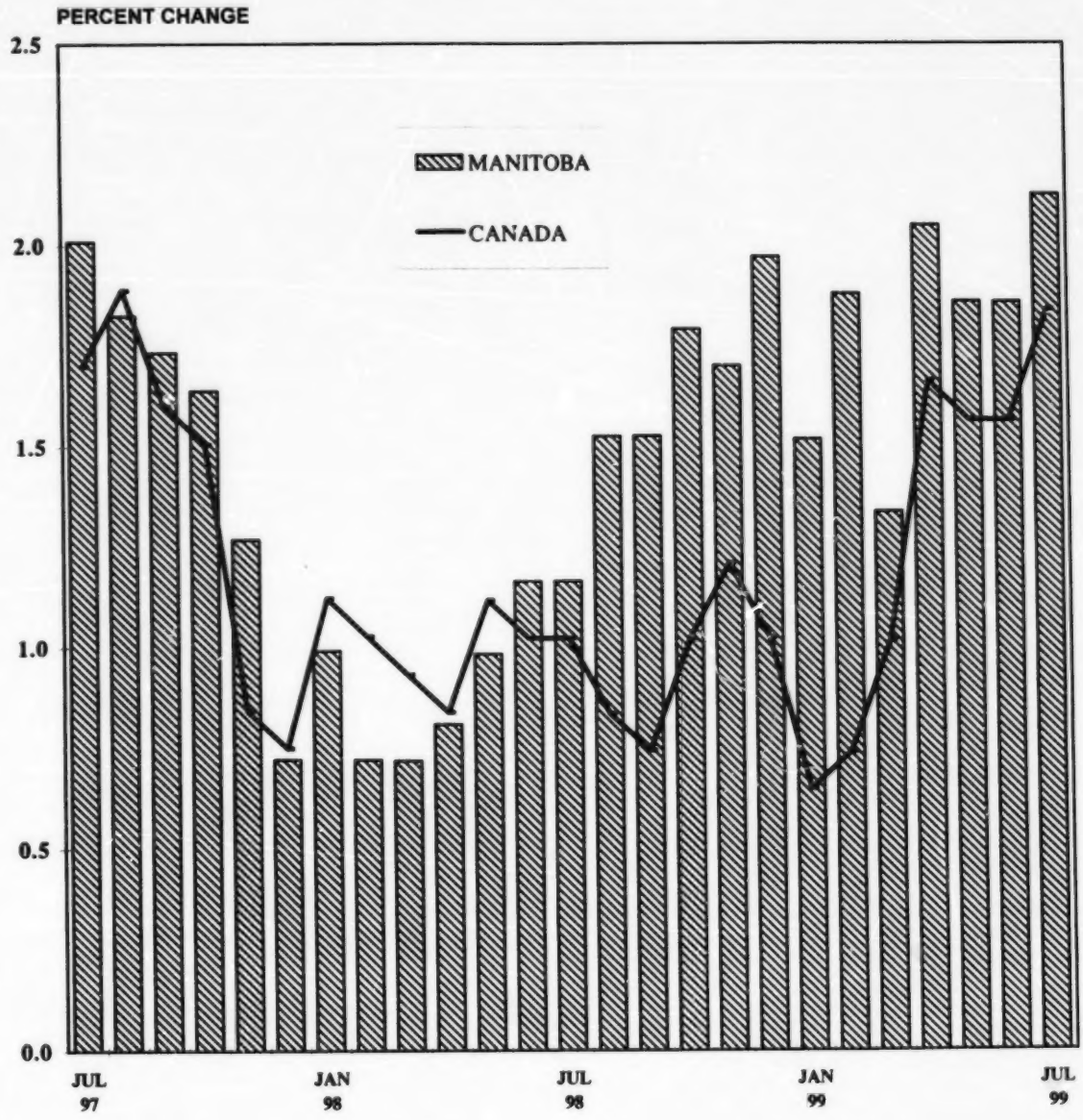
Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.1% in July 1999 was tied with Alberta and New Brunswick for the highest among the provinces. British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland were tied for the lowest annual rate last month at 1.4%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation in July was 2.2%, up from 1.9% in June.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.2% in July, up from a 0.1% increase the previous month. Much of the July rise can be attributed to higher prices for men's and women's clothing, beef and bakery products. Other increases were noted for poultry, personal care supplies, eggs, restaurant meals and gasoline. Prices were lower last month for new vehicle purchases, footwear, fresh fruit, home maintenance and repairs and household textiles. Overall prices at the national level rose 0.3% in July, up from a 0.1% monthly gain in June.

CHART 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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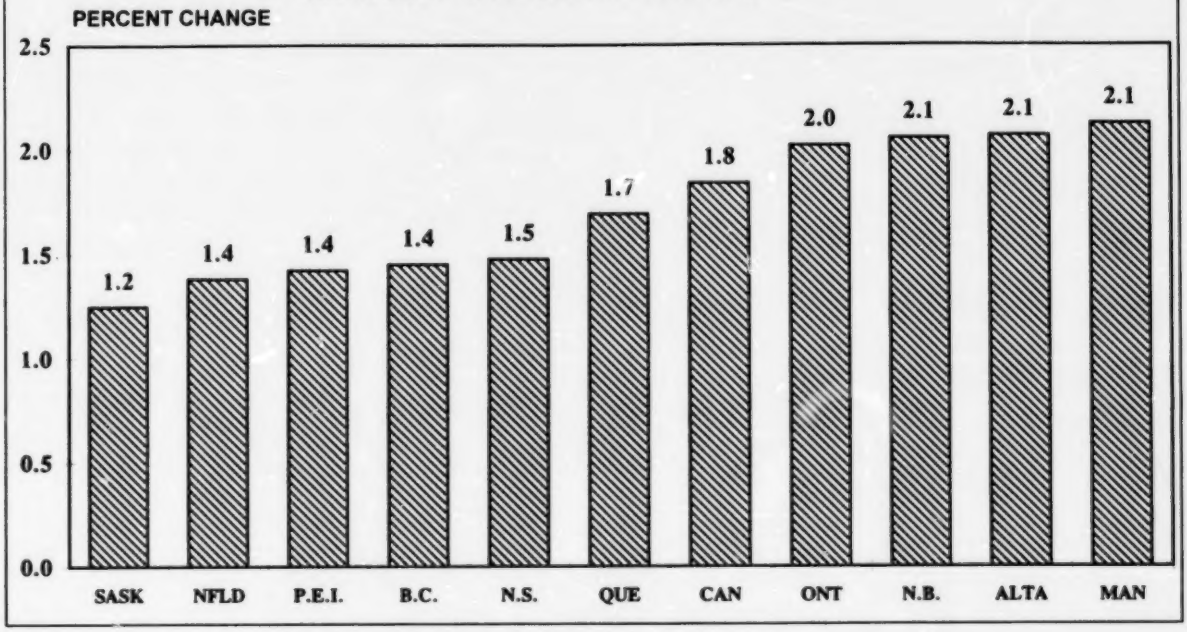

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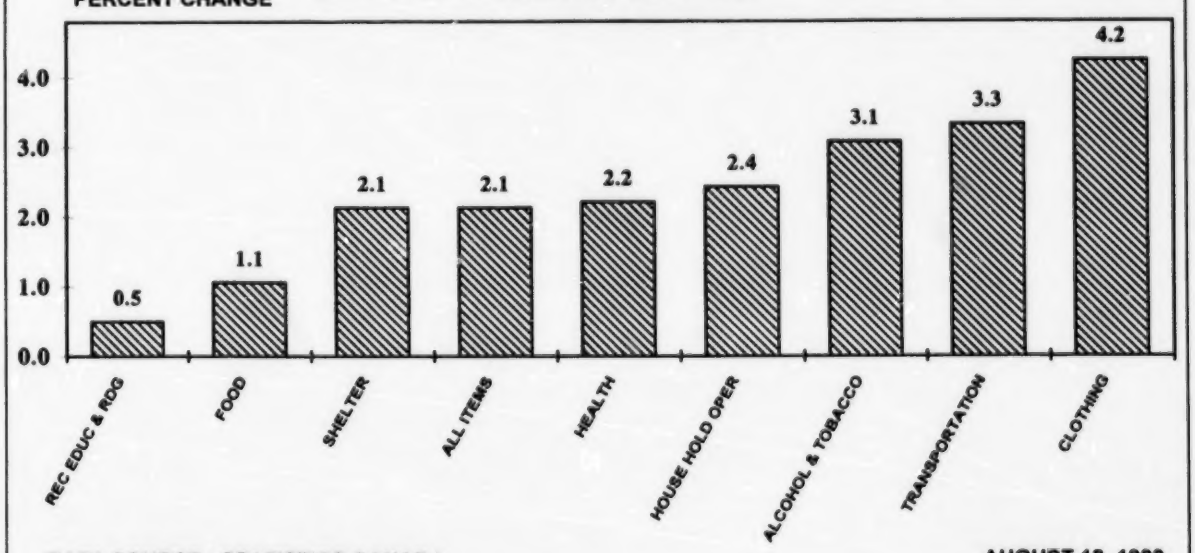

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JULY 1999

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	JUL 99	JUN 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 98	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 99	JUN 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	115.4	115.2	0.2	113.0	2.1	110.8	110.5	0.3	108.8	1.8
FOOD	114.6	114.5	0.1	113.4	1.1	111.3	111.5	-0.2	109.9	1.3
SHELTER	110.6	110.5	0.1	108.3	2.1	104.8	104.7	0.1	103.6	1.2
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	109.9	110.0	-0.1	107.3	2.4	109.2	109.2	0.0	108.0	1.1
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.6	114.8	0.7	110.9	4.2	104.5	104.5	0.0	102.6	1.9
TRANSPORTATION	127.6	127.7	-0.1	123.5	3.3	124.9	123.7	1.0	120.4	3.7
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	111.2	110.7	0.5	108.8	2.2	110.5	110.5	0.0	108.4	1.9
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	122.1	121.3	0.7	121.5	0.5	121.6	120.6	0.8	119.4	1.8
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	104.0	103.8	0.2	100.9	3.1	94.7	94.7	0.0	92.8	2.0
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	115.6	115.4	0.2	112.9	2.4	110.8	110.4	0.4	108.6	2.0
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	115.5	115.3	0.2	113.1	2.1	110.8	110.6	0.2	109.0	1.7
ENERGY	116.6	116.5	0.1	111.3	4.8	109.9	107.6	2.1	104.2	5.5
GOODS	113.1	113.0	0.1	111.1	1.8	107.8	107.6	0.2	105.7	2.0
SERVICES	118.0	117.6	0.3	115.0	2.6	114.3	113.9	0.4	112.4	1.7

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JULY 1999

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	JUL 99	JUN 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 98	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 99	JUN 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	115.4	115.2	0.2	113.0	2.1	114.6	114.5	0.1	113.4	1.1
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	113.6	113.6	0.0	112.2	1.2	111.0	111.7	-0.6	112.9	-1.7
ALBERTA	113.6	113.3	0.3	111.3	2.1	109.5	109.2	0.3	108.7	0.7
BRITISH COLUMBIA	112.0	111.5	0.4	110.4	1.4	113.7	113.7	0.0	112.7	0.9
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	111.2	110.9	0.3	109.0	2.0	111.0	111.6	-0.5	108.8	2.0
QUEBEC	108.3	108.1	0.2	106.5	1.7	111.7	111.8	-0.1	110.3	1.3
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	109.3	109.1	0.2	107.1	2.1	109.8	109.7	0.1	107.4	2.2
NOVA SCOTIA	110.1	110.0	0.1	108.5	1.5	112.2	111.7	0.4	110.0	2.0
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	107.0	106.8	0.2	105.5	1.4	109.2	109.6	-0.4	108.9	0.3
NEWFOUNDLAND	110.2	110.1	0.1	108.7	1.4	112.3	111.7	0.5	111.1	1.1
* MANITOBA RANK			4		10			6		5

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF JULY 1999)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.1	1.8	2.8	2.6	1.8	1.2
FOOD	1.1	1.3	3.2	1.5	1.0	1.4
SHELTER	2.1	1.2	0.4	0.0	2.3	1.0
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	2.4	1.1	3.7	1.5	2.2	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	4.2	1.9	-4.7	-4.8	2.1	1.3
TRANSPORTATION	3.3	3.7	2.5	4.3	1.6	0.5
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	2.2	1.9	5.2	1.8	2.2	2.1
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.5	1.8	10.8	13.9	0.9	1.5
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	3.1	2.0	4.3	3.0	2.8	2.9
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.4	2.0	2.5	2.9	1.9	1.1
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	2.1	1.7	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.3
ENERGY	4.8	5.5	6.4	8.8	2.3	-1.3
GOODS	1.8	2.0	2.2	1.5	1.1	0.6
SERVICES	2.6	1.7	3.8	3.9	2.5	1.7

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS THREE DIFFERENT METHODS:

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(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JULY 1999: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	JUL 99	JUN 99	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	115.5	115.3	0.2	2.2	1.8
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	114.6	114.6	0.0	1.4	1.8
SASKATOON	113.2	113.2	0.0	1.3	1.7
CALGARY	114.3	114.0	0.3	2.0	1.9
EDMONTON	112.4	112.0	0.4	2.1	1.5
VANCOUVER	112.1	111.7	0.4	1.0	0.5
VICTORIA	111.9	111.4	0.4	1.5	0.5
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	111.6	111.3	0.3	1.9	1.0
TORONTO	111.4	111.1	0.3	2.2	1.3
OTTAWA	112.5	112.2	0.3	2.0	1.3
MONTREAL	108.5	108.3	0.2	1.8	1.3
QUEBEC	109.3	109.1	0.2	1.8	1.2
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	108.9	108.7	0.2	2.0	0.6
HALIFAX	109.6	109.5	0.1	1.5	0.7
CHARLOTTETOWN	107.1	107.0	0.1	1.3	0.1
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	110.4	110.3	0.1	1.5	0.6
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			6	16	15

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - AUGUST 1999

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	AUGUST 99/AUGUST 98	AUGUST 99/JULY 99
MANITOBA	2.1	0.3
CANADA	2.1	0.3

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.1% in August 1999 compared with August 1998, unchanged from the annual rate in July. Canada's annual rate of price increase last month was also 2.1%, up from 1.8% the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

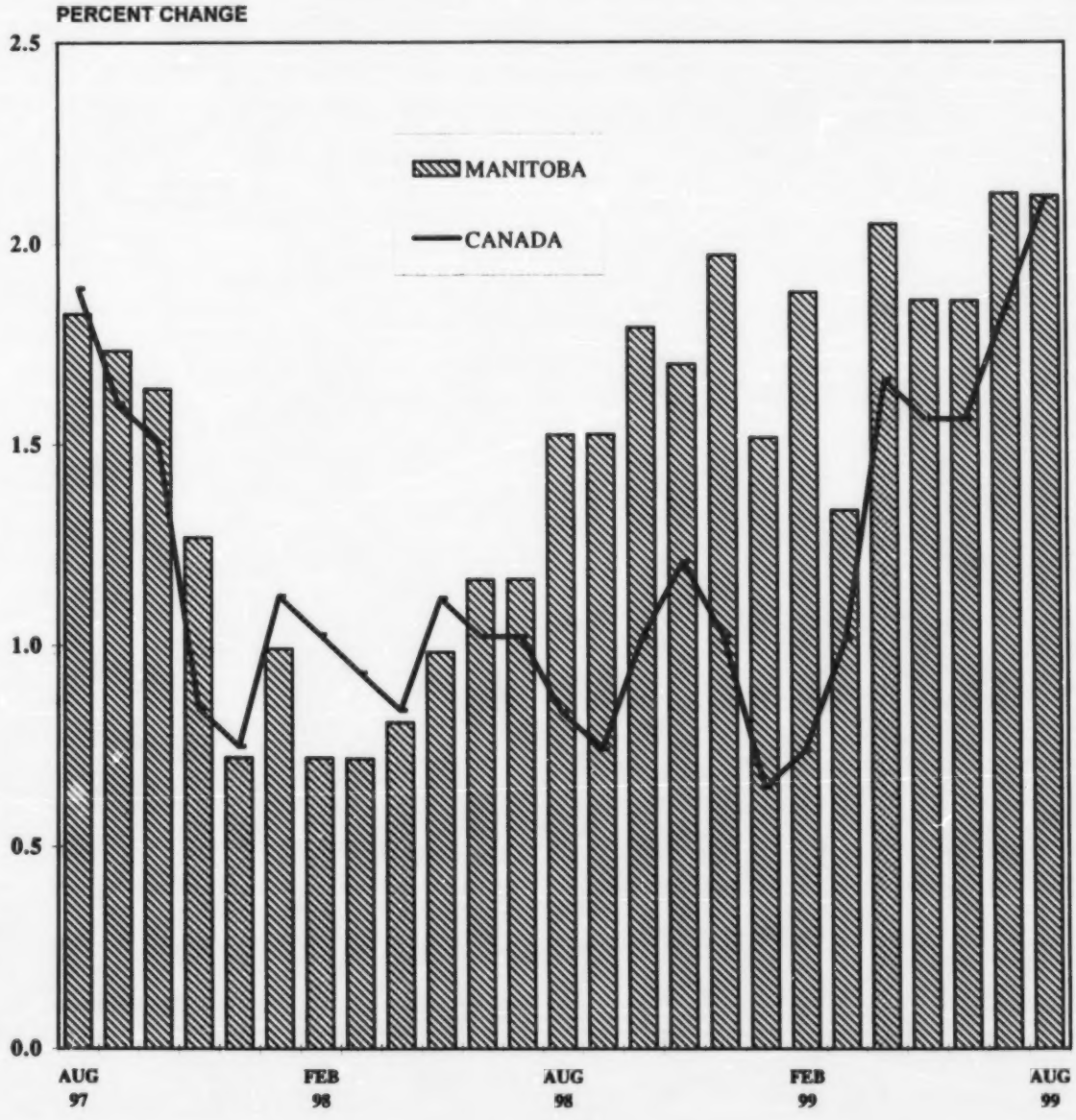
Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.1% in August 1999 was the fourth highest provincial rate, while British Columbia's was the lowest at 1.3%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation last month was also 2.1%, down from 2.2% in July.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.3% in August, up from a 0.2% increase the previous month. Much of the August rise can be attributed to higher gasoline prices. Other increases were noted for home maintenance and repair, personal care services, household chemical products and prescription drugs. Some clothing and footwear prices were also higher in August. Prices were lower last month for natural gas, personal care supplies and equipment and for a number of food items including fresh vegetables, eggs, bakery products and beef. Overall prices at the national level rose 0.3% in August, unchanged from July.

CHART 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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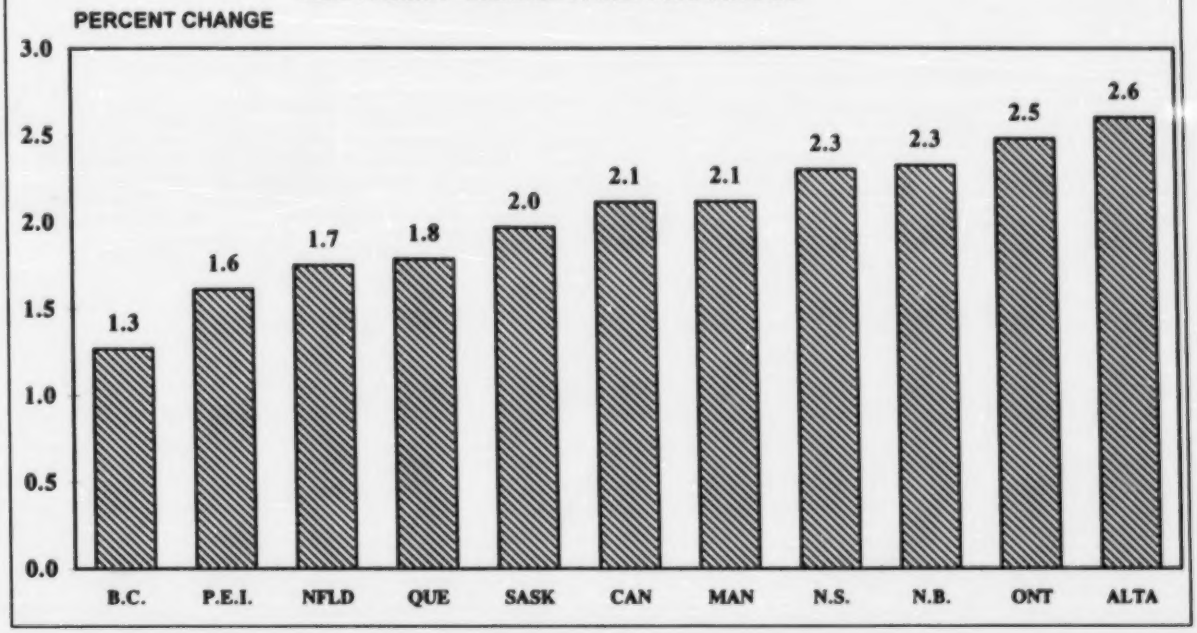

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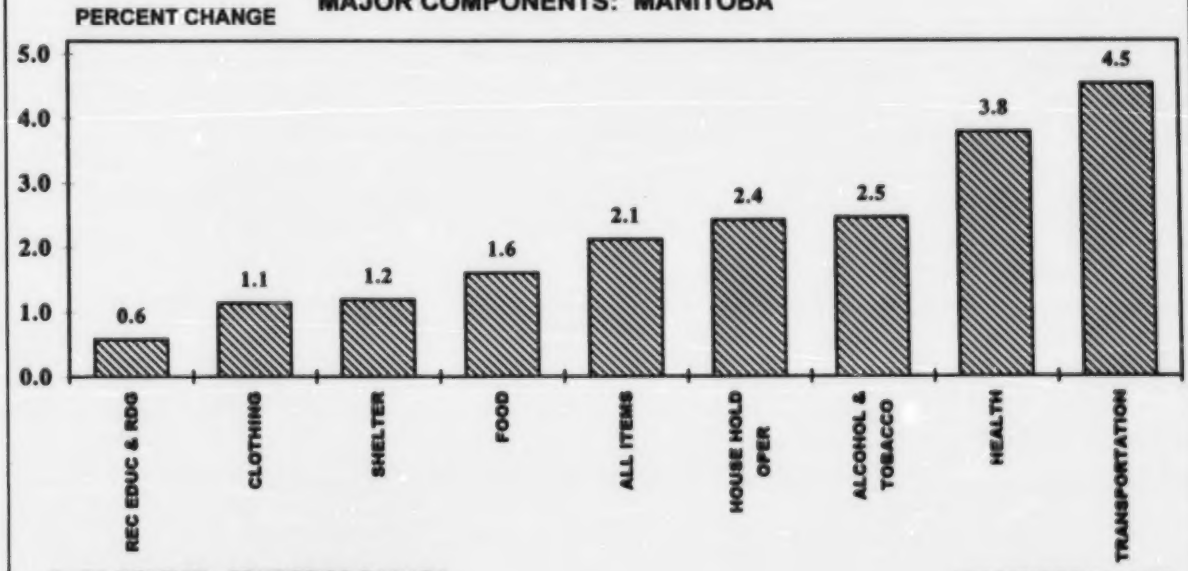

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR AUGUST 1999

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	AUG 99	JUL 99	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 98	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 99	JUL 99	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS										
ALL ITEMS	115.7	115.4	0.3	113.3	2.1	111.1	110.8	0.3	108.8	2.1
FOOD	114.3	114.6	-0.3	112.5	1.6	110.4	111.3	-0.8	109.2	1.1
SHELTER	110.4	110.6	-0.2	109.1	1.2	105.0	104.8	0.2	103.7	1.3
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	110.1	109.9	0.2	107.5	2.4	109.1	109.2	-0.1	107.9	1.1
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.9	115.6	0.3	114.6	1.1	106.3	104.5	1.7	104.7	1.5
TRANSPORTATION	129.3	127.4	1.5	123.7	4.5	126.4	124.7	1.4	120.2	5.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	112.5	111.2	1.2	108.4	3.8	110.5	110.5	0.0	108.4	1.9
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	122.1	122.1	0.0	121.4	0.6	121.7	121.6	0.1	119.3	2.0
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	104.1	104.0	0.1	101.6	2.5	94.6	94.7	-0.1	93.0	1.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	116.1	115.6	0.4	113.5	2.3	111.3	110.7	0.5	108.8	2.3
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	115.7	115.5	0.2	113.5	1.9	110.9	110.7	0.2	109.2	1.6
ENERGY	119.3	116.6	2.3	114.0	4.6	113.8	109.9	3.5	104.0	9.4
GOODS	113.6	113.1	0.4	111.6	1.8	108.3	107.8	0.5	105.7	2.5
SERVICES	118.1	117.9	0.2	115.1	2.6	114.4	114.3	0.1	112.4	1.8

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR AUGUST 1999

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	AUG 99	JUL 99	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 98	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 99	JUL 99	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	115.7	115.4	0.3	113.3	2.1	114.3	114.6	-0.3	112.5	1.6
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	114.0	113.6	0.4	111.8	2.0	111.2	111.0	0.2	111.3	-0.1
ALBERTA	114.3	113.6	0.6	111.4	2.6	108.9	109.5	-0.5	107.7	1.1
BRITISH COLUMBIA	111.8	112.0	-0.2	110.4	1.3	113.5	113.7	-0.2	113.1	0.4
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	111.6	111.2	0.4	108.9	2.5	110.2	111.0	-0.7	108.1	1.9
QUEBEC	108.4	108.3	0.1	106.5	1.8	109.8	111.7	-1.7	109.3	0.5
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	110.0	109.3	0.6	107.5	2.3	109.9	109.8	0.1	108.1	1.7
NOVA SCOTIA	111.1	110.1	0.9	108.6	2.3	111.8	112.2	-0.4	110.6	1.1
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	107.2	107.0	0.2	105.5	1.6	108.4	109.2	-0.7	108.0	0.4
NEWFOUNDLAND	110.6	110.2	0.4	108.7	1.7	111.4	112.3	-0.8	110.1	1.2
* MANITOBA RANK			4		6			7		8

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF AUGUST 1999)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.6	1.8	1.3
FOOD	1.6	1.1	0.0	-2.5	1.1	1.4
SHELTER	1.2	1.3	0.0	1.5	2.3	1.1
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	2.4	1.1	2.2	0.0	2.2	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	1.1	1.5	2.5	5.4	2.1	1.3
TRANSPORTATION	4.5	5.2	5.1	7.6	1.9	1.0
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	3.8	1.9	6.7	0.4	2.3	2.1
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.6	2.0	4.0	7.2	0.8	1.5
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	2.5	1.7	1.2	-0.4	2.8	2.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.3	2.3	2.8	3.7	2.0	1.2
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.4
ENERGY	4.6	9.4	10.0	21.5	2.5	-0.1
GOODS	1.8	2.5	1.8	2.2	1.1	0.8
SERVICES	2.6	1.8	3.1	2.8	2.6	1.7

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR AUGUST 1999: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	AUG 99	JUL 99	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	115.8	115.5	0.3	2.1	1.9
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	114.9	114.6	0.3	2.0	1.8
SASKATOON	113.6	113.2	0.4	2.0	1.8
CALGARY	115.1	114.3	0.7	2.6	2.0
EDMONTON	113.2	112.4	0.7	2.7	1.6
VANCOUVER	111.8	112.0	-0.2	1.1	0.5
VICTORIA	111.8	111.9	-0.1	1.4	0.6
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	112.0	111.6	0.4	2.4	1.2
TORONTO	111.8	111.3	0.4	2.6	1.5
OTTAWA	112.9	112.5	0.4	2.5	1.4
MONTREAL	108.5	108.5	0.0	1.7	1.4
QUEBEC	109.4	109.3	0.1	1.8	1.2
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	109.6	108.9	0.6	2.2	0.7
HALIFAX	110.5	109.6	0.8	2.2	0.8
CHARLOTTETOWN	107.3	107.1	0.2	1.5	0.3
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	110.8	110.4	0.4	1.8	0.8
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			6	9	15

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - SEPTEMBER 1999

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	SEPTEMBER 99/SEPTEMBER 98	SEPTEMBER 99/AUGUST 99
MANITOBA	2.7	0.4
CANADA	2.6	0.3

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.7% in September 1999 compared with September 1998, up from an annual rate of 2.1% in August. Canada's annual rate of price increase last month was 2.6%, up from 2.1% the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.7% in September 1999 was fifth place among the provinces. The highest rate was in Nova Scotia at 3.9% while the lowest was in British Columbia at 2.0%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation last month was 2.6%, up from 2.1% in August.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.4% in September, up from a 0.3% increase the previous month. Much of the September rise can be attributed to higher shelter costs and higher prices for clothing and footwear, gasoline and tuition fees. Some increases were also noted for home furnishings and appliances and reading materials. The food index was down 1.0% in September, largely due to declines for fresh fruit, vegetables, non-alcoholic beverages, bakery products, beef and pork. Overall prices at the national level rose 0.3% in September, matching the monthly increases in July and August.

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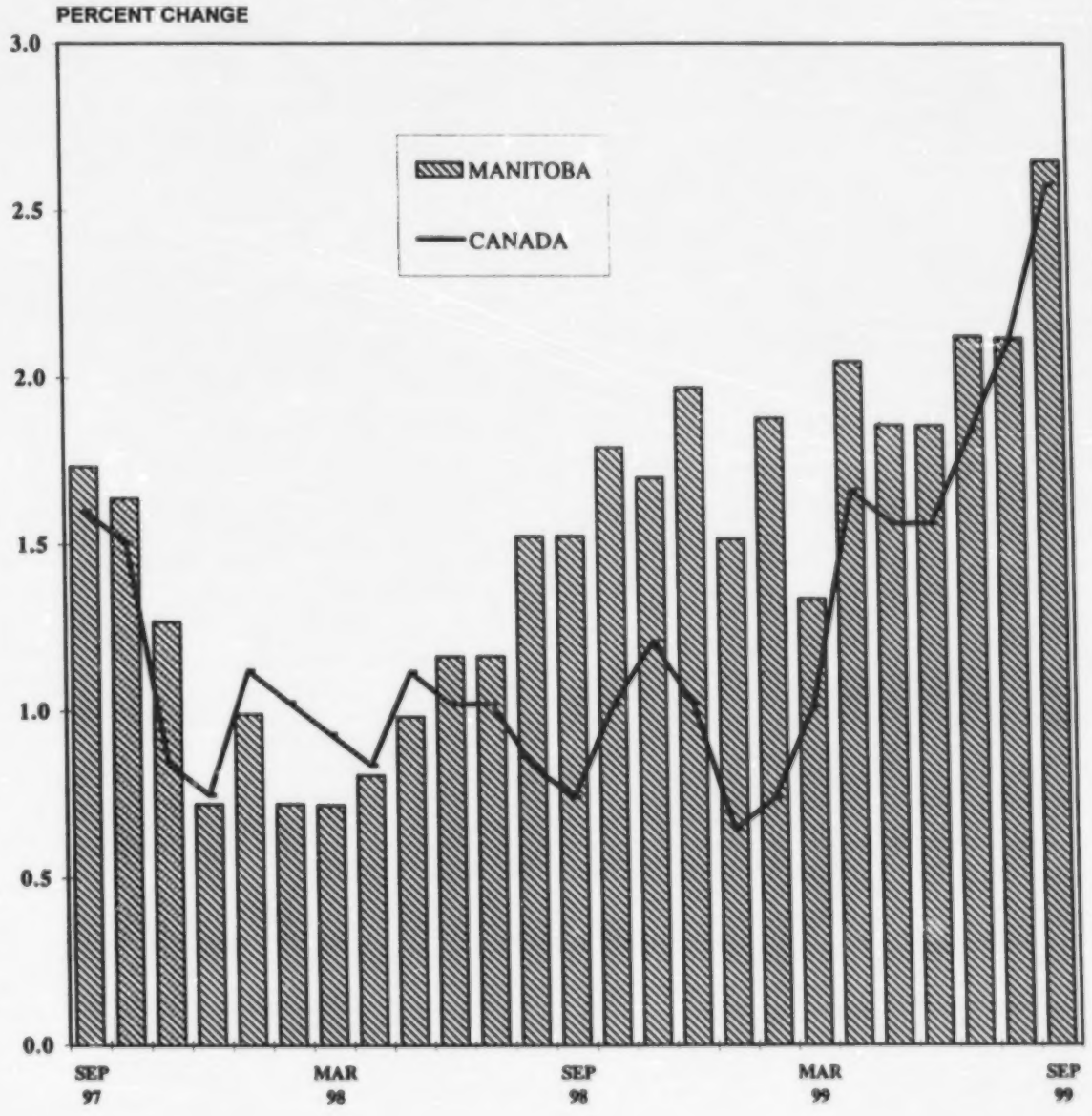
MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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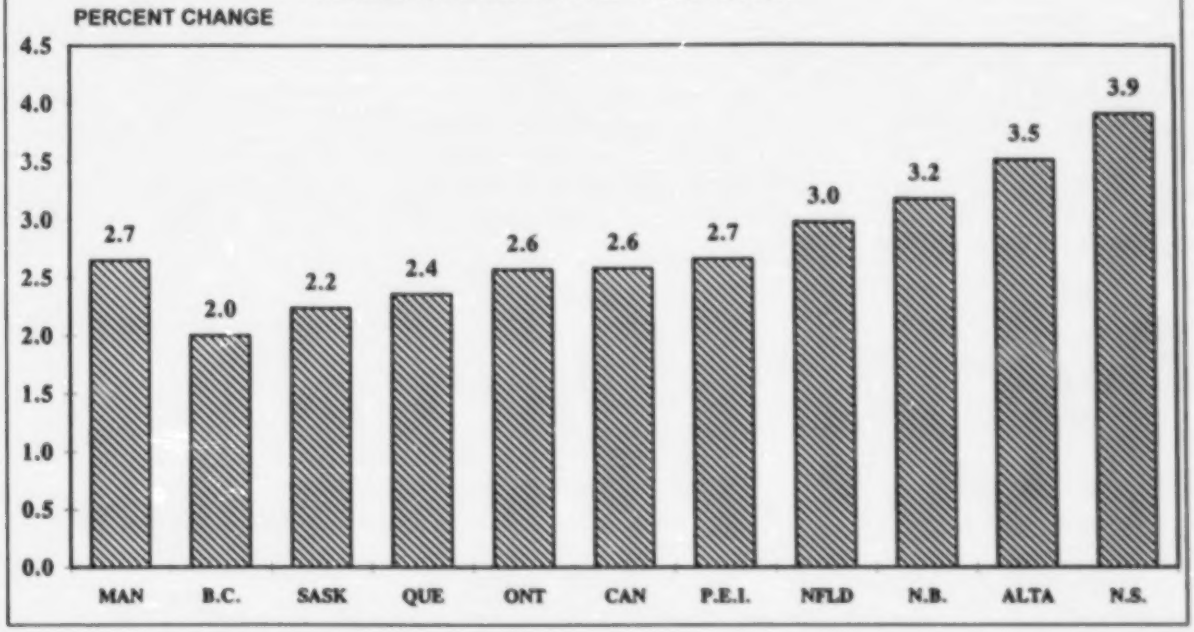

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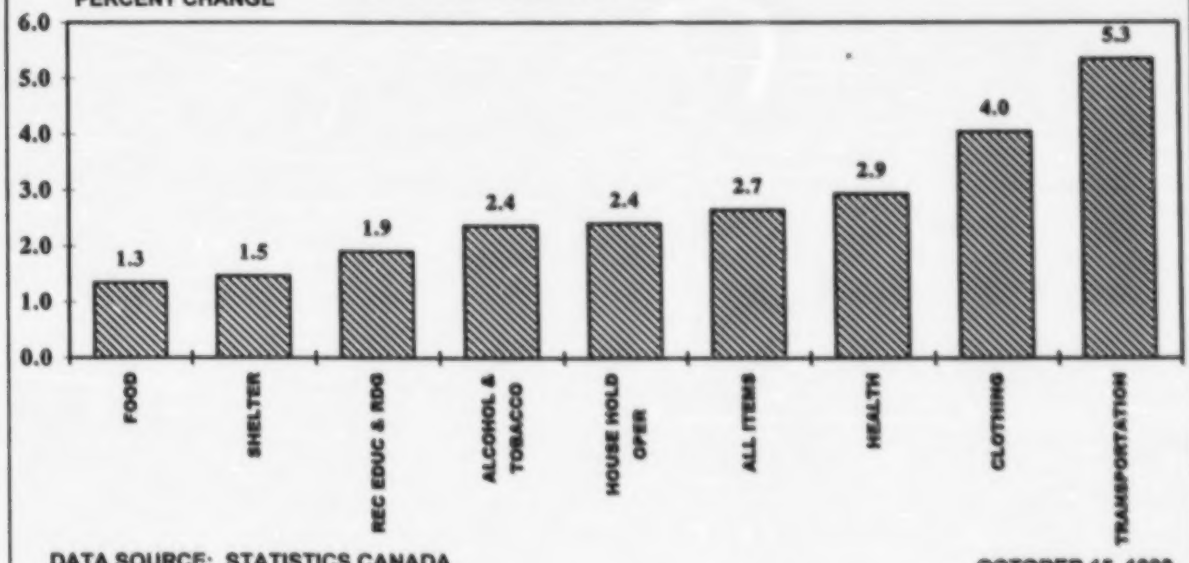

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1999

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	SEP 99	AUG 99	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 98	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 99	AUG 99	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	116.2	115.7	0.4	113.2	2.7	111.4	111.1	0.3	108.6	2.6
FOOD	113.2	114.3	-1.0	111.7	1.3	109.8	110.4	-0.5	108.3	1.4
SHELTER	111.0	110.4	0.5	109.4	1.5	105.6	105.0	0.6	103.6	1.9
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	110.7	110.1	0.5	108.1	2.4	109.5	109.1	0.4	108.5	0.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	118.5	115.9	2.2	113.9	4.0	107.2	106.3	0.8	104.4	2.7
TRANSPORTATION	130.1	129.3	0.6	123.5	5.3	127.0	126.4	0.5	119.9	5.9
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	112.3	112.5	-0.2	109.1	2.9	110.6	110.5	0.1	108.5	1.9
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	123.5	122.1	1.1	121.2	1.9	122.4	121.7	0.6	119.0	2.9
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	104.1	104.1	0.0	101.7	2.4	94.6	94.6	0.0	93.2	1.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	116.9	116.1	0.7	113.6	2.9	111.9	111.3	0.5	108.7	2.9
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	116.4	115.7	0.6	113.6	2.5	111.3	110.9	0.4	109.3	1.8
ENERGY	121.3	119.3	1.7	114.0	6.4	115.4	113.8	1.4	102.6	12.5
GOODS	114.0	113.6	0.4	111.2	2.5	108.4	108.3	0.1	105.1	3.1
SERVICES	118.7	118.1	0.5	115.4	2.9	114.9	114.4	0.4	112.6	2.0

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1999

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	SEP 99	AUG 99	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 98	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 99	AUG 99	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	116.2	115.7	0.4	113.2	2.7	113.2	114.3	-1.0	111.7	1.3
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	114.4	114.0	0.4	111.9	2.2	110.7	111.2	-0.4	110.3	0.4
ALBERTA	114.9	114.3	0.5	111.0	3.5	109.3	108.9	0.4	106.9	2.2
BRITISH COLUMBIA	112.2	111.8	0.4	110.0	2.0	113.5	113.5	0.0	111.8	1.5
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	111.8	111.6	0.2	109.0	2.6	108.8	110.2	-1.3	107.6	1.1
QUEBEC	108.7	108.4	0.3	106.2	2.4	109.5	109.8	-0.3	108.2	1.2
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	110.5	110.0	0.5	107.1	3.2	109.6	109.9	-0.3	107.2	2.2
NOVA SCOTIA	111.6	111.1	0.5	107.4	3.9	110.9	111.8	-0.8	109.6	1.2
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	108.2	107.2	0.9	105.4	2.7	108.0	108.4	-0.4	107.6	0.4
NEWFOUNDLAND	110.8	110.6	0.2	107.6	3.0	110.6	111.4	-0.7	109.2	1.3
* MANITOBA RANK			6		5			2		7

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF SEPTEMBER 1999)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.7	2.6	3.5	3.3	1.9	1.4
FOOD	1.3	1.4	-4.5	-6.0	1.0	1.4
SHELTER	1.5	1.9	1.8	3.5	2.2	1.2
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	2.4	0.9	2.6	1.1	2.2	0.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	4.0	2.7	13.5	10.7	2.3	1.4
TRANSPORTATION	5.3	5.9	7.7	11.1	2.4	1.7
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	2.9	1.9	5.9	0.4	2.4	2.0
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	1.9	2.9	7.5	6.1	0.9	1.6
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	2.4	1.5	1.2	-0.4	2.7	2.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.9	2.9	5.3	5.5	2.1	1.4
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	2.5	1.8	3.9	2.6	2.0	1.4
ENERGY	6.4	12.5	17.5	32.3	3.1	1.5
GOODS	2.5	3.1	3.6	3.0	1.3	1.1
SERVICES	2.9	2.0	3.8	3.6	2.6	1.7

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS THREE DIFFERENT METHODS:

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(2) PROVIDES A MEASURE OF THE CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF INFLATION. THE GROWTH RATE OVER THE PRECEEDING THREE MONTHS IS CALCULATED AND THEN COMPOUNDED AT AN ANNUAL RATE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE CALCULATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED.

(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1999: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	SEP 99	AUG 99	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	116.3	115.8	0.4	2.6	1.9
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	115.4	114.9	0.4	2.2	1.8
SASKATOON	114.0	113.6	0.4	2.2	1.8
CALGARY	115.7	115.1	0.5	3.2	2.1
EDMONTON	113.8	113.2	0.5	4.0	1.9
VANCOUVER	112.4	111.8	0.5	2.0	0.7
VICTORIA	112.0	111.8	0.2	1.9	0.7
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	112.1	112.0	0.1	2.5	1.4
TORONTO	112.1	111.8	0.3	2.7	1.6
OTTAWA	113.0	112.9	0.1	2.4	1.5
MONTREAL	108.9	108.5	0.4	2.3	1.5
QUEBEC	109.6	109.4	0.2	2.2	1.3
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	110.2	109.6	0.5	3.2	1.0
HALIFAX	111.0	110.5	0.5	3.6	1.2
CHARLOTTETOWN	108.3	107.3	0.9	2.5	0.5
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	110.9	110.8	0.1	2.9	1.0
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			9	10	15

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - OCTOBER 1999

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	OCTOBER 99/OCTOBER 98	OCTOBER 99/SEPTEMBER 99
MANITOBA	2.2	0.0
CANADA	2.3	0.1

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.2% in October 1999 compared with October 1998, down from an annual rate of 2.7% in September. Canada's annual rate of price increase last month was 2.3%, down from 2.6% the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.2% in October 1999 was tied with Prince Edward Island for fifth place among the provinces. The highest rate was in Alberta at 3.6% while the lowest was in British Columbia at 1.5%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation last month was also 2.2%, down from 2.6% in September.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index was unchanged in October, following a 0.4% increase the previous month. Some food prices were lower in October, notably for non-alcoholic beverages, dairy products, vegetables and beef. Home maintenance and repair charges declined, as did furniture prices. Decreases were also noted for inter-city transportation and footwear.

But these declines were offset by property tax increases and higher prices for recreational equipment and services, home entertainment equipment, household appliances, home insurance and personal care supplies and equipment. Overall prices at the national level rose 0.1% in October, down from September's 0.3% monthly rise.

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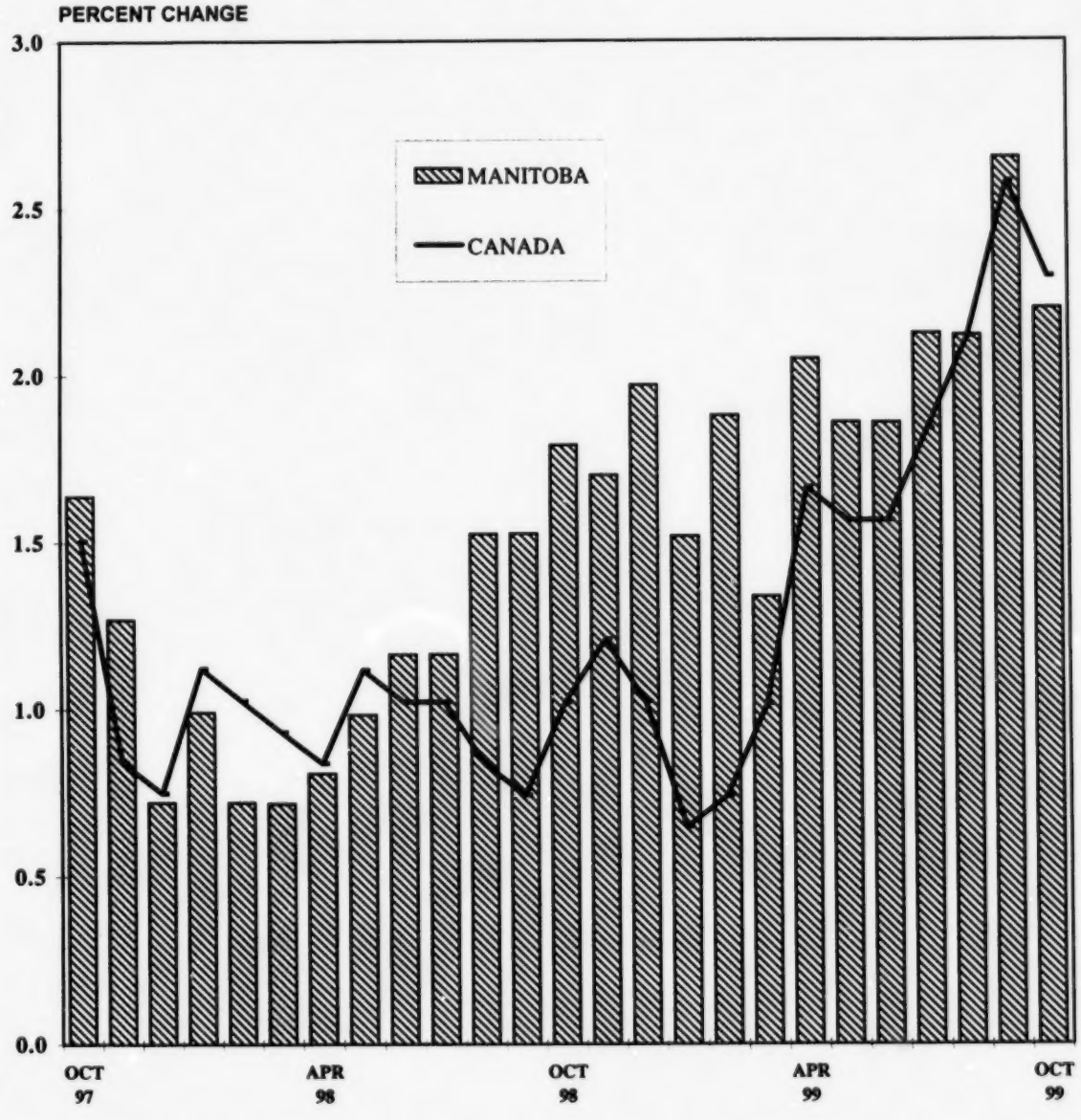
MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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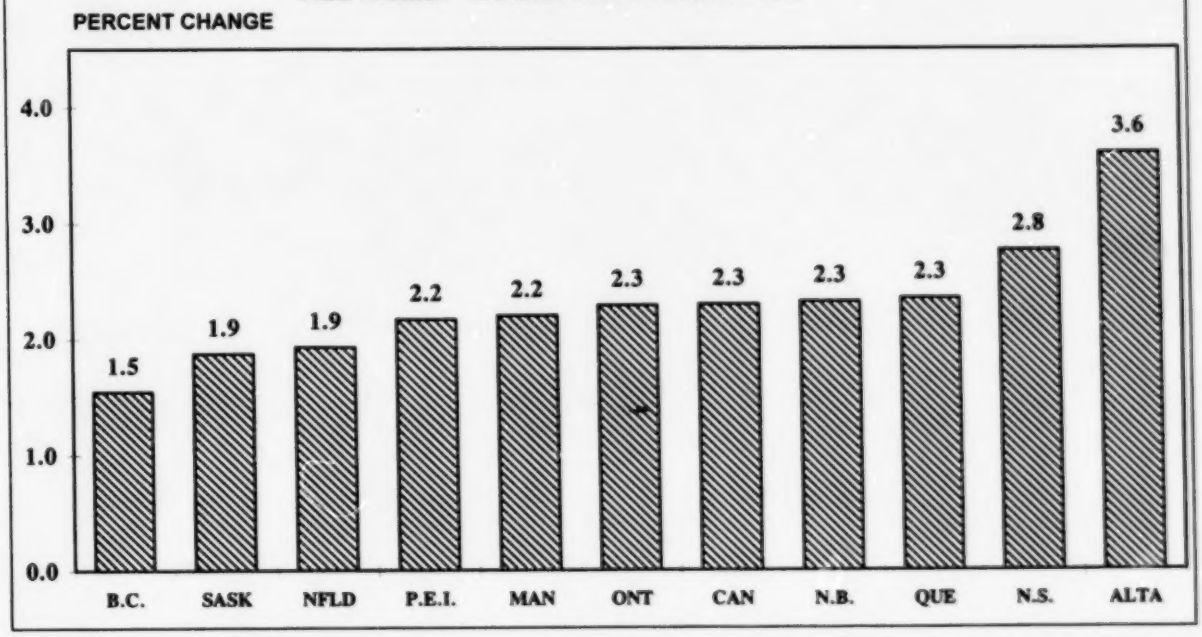

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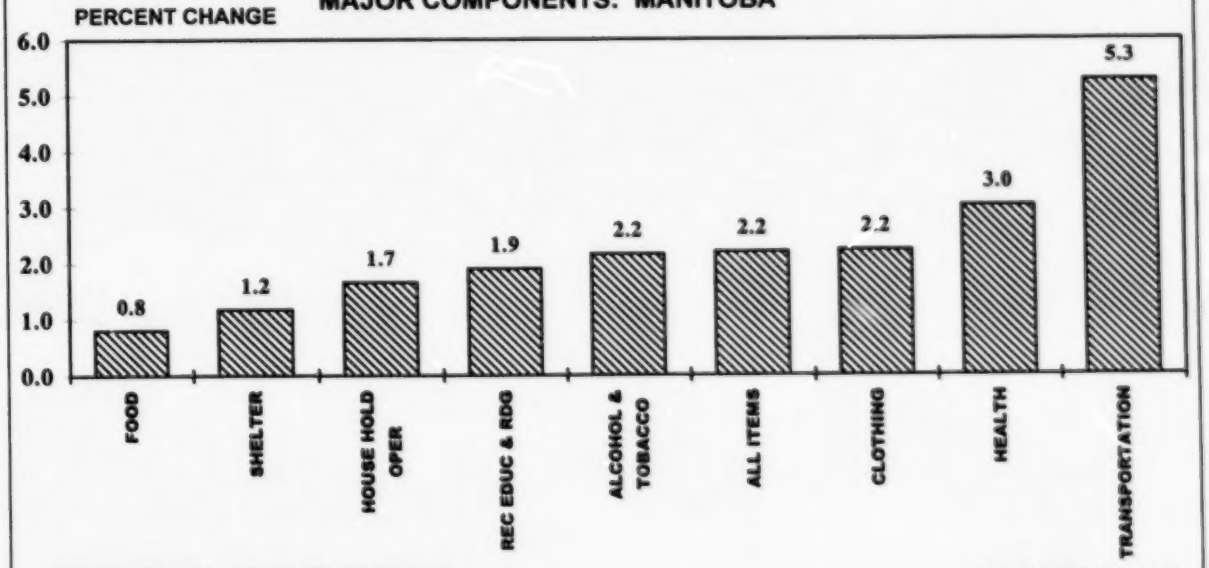

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR OCTOBER 1999

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	OCT 99	SEP 99	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 98	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 99	SEP 99	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	116.2	116.2	0.0	113.7	2.2	111.5	111.4	0.1	109.0	2.3
FOOD	112.9	113.2	-0.3	112.0	0.8	109.9	109.8	0.1	108.5	1.3
SHELTER	111.6	111.0	0.5	110.3	1.2	105.8	105.6	0.2	104.2	1.5
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	110.1	110.7	-0.5	108.3	1.7	109.6	109.5	0.1	108.0	1.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	119.2	118.5	0.6	116.6	2.2	107.3	107.2	0.1	106.1	1.1
TRANSPORTATION	130.0	130.1	-0.1	123.5	5.3	127.1	127.0	0.1	120.5	5.5
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	112.5	112.3	0.2	109.2	3.0	110.6	110.6	0.0	108.7	1.7
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	123.0	123.5	-0.4	120.7	1.9	122.0	122.4	-0.3	119.1	2.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	104.1	104.1	0.0	101.9	2.2	94.6	94.6	0.0	93.3	1.4
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	117.0	116.9	0.1	114.1	2.5	111.9	111.9	0.0	109.2	2.5
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	116.5	116.4	0.1	114.1	2.1	111.2	111.3	-0.1	109.5	1.6
ENERGY	121.3	121.3	0.0	113.9	6.5	116.8	115.4	1.2	104.8	11.5
GOODS	113.9	114.0	-0.1	111.6	2.1	108.8	108.4	0.4	105.7	2.9
SERVICES	118.7	118.7	0.0	115.9	2.4	114.7	114.9	-0.2	112.7	1.8

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR OCTOBER 1999

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	OCT 99	SEP 99	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 98	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 99	SEP 99	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	116.2	116.2	0.0	113.7	2.2	112.9	113.2	-0.3	112.0	0.8
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	114.3	114.4	-0.1	112.2	1.9	109.6	110.7	-1.0	110.5	-0.8
ALBERTA	115.1	114.9	0.2	111.1	3.6	109.0	109.3	-0.3	106.6	2.3
BRITISH COLUMBIA	111.8	112.2	-0.4	110.1	1.5	113.2	113.5	-0.3	112.5	0.6
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	111.9	111.8	0.1	109.4	2.3	109.7	108.8	0.8	107.5	2.0
QUEBEC	109.0	108.7	0.3	106.5	2.3	109.3	109.5	-0.2	108.4	0.8
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	110.4	110.5	-0.1	107.9	2.3	109.2	109.6	-0.4	108.0	1.1
NOVA SCOTIA	111.7	111.6	0.1	108.7	2.8	110.8	110.9	-0.1	110.0	0.7
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	108.4	108.2	0.2	106.1	2.2	108.6	108.0	0.6	108.3	0.3
NEWFOUNDLAND	110.9	110.8	0.1	108.8	1.9	110.1	110.6	-0.5	109.2	0.8
* MANITOBA RANK			4		5			5		5

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF OCTOBER 1999)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.2	2.3	2.8	2.6	1.9	1.5
FOOD	0.8	1.3	-5.8	-4.9	1.0	1.4
SHELTER	1.2	1.5	3.7	3.9	2.0	1.2
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.7	1.5	0.7	1.5	2.1	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	2.2	1.1	13.1	11.2	2.2	1.4
TRANSPORTATION	5.3	5.5	8.4	7.9	2.8	2.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	3.0	1.7	4.8	0.4	2.5	2.0
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	1.9	2.4	3.0	1.3	1.0	1.7
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	2.2	1.4	0.4	-0.4	2.6	2.3
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.5	2.5	4.9	4.4	2.2	1.5
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	2.1	1.6	3.5	1.8	2.0	1.4
ENERGY	6.5	11.5	17.1	27.6	3.6	2.8
GOODS	2.1	2.9	2.9	3.8	1.4	1.4
SERVICES	2.4	1.8	2.7	1.4	2.6	1.7

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR OCTOBER 1999: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	OCT 99	SEP 99	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	116.3	116.3	0.0	2.2	2.0
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	115.2	115.4	-0.2	1.8	1.8
SASKATOON	114.0	114.0	0.0	2.0	1.8
CALGARY	116.1	115.7	0.3	3.8	2.3
EDMONTON	113.7	113.8	-0.1	3.4	2.1
VANCOUVER	111.9	112.4	-0.4	1.4	0.7
VICTORIA	111.7	112.0	-0.3	1.4	0.8
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	112.2	112.1	0.1	2.2	1.5
TORONTO	112.2	112.1	0.1	2.5	1.8
OTTAWA	113.3	113.0	0.3	2.3	1.6
MONTREAL	109.1	108.9	0.2	2.3	1.5
QUEBEC	109.9	109.6	0.3	2.3	1.4
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	110.3	110.2	0.1	2.5	1.2
HALIFAX	111.1	111.0	0.1	2.7	1.3
CHARLOTTETOWN	108.5	108.3	0.2	2.0	0.7
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	111.1	110.9	0.2	1.9	1.2
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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	NOVEMBER 99/NOVEMBER 98	NOVEMBER 99/OCTOBER 99
MANITOBA	2.1	-0.1
CANADA	2.2	-0.1

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On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index declined 0.1% in November, after remaining unchanged the previous month. Clothing and footwear prices were lower in November, as were gasoline prices. Declines were also noted for a number of food items, notably for fresh fruit, cereal products and meat.

But these declines were largely offset by higher prices for new motor vehicles and owned accommodation. Increases were also noted for some food items, including vegetables, non-alcoholic beverages, bakery products, processed meats, poultry, dairy products and eggs. Overall prices at the national level fell 0.1% in November, following a 0.1% rise in October.

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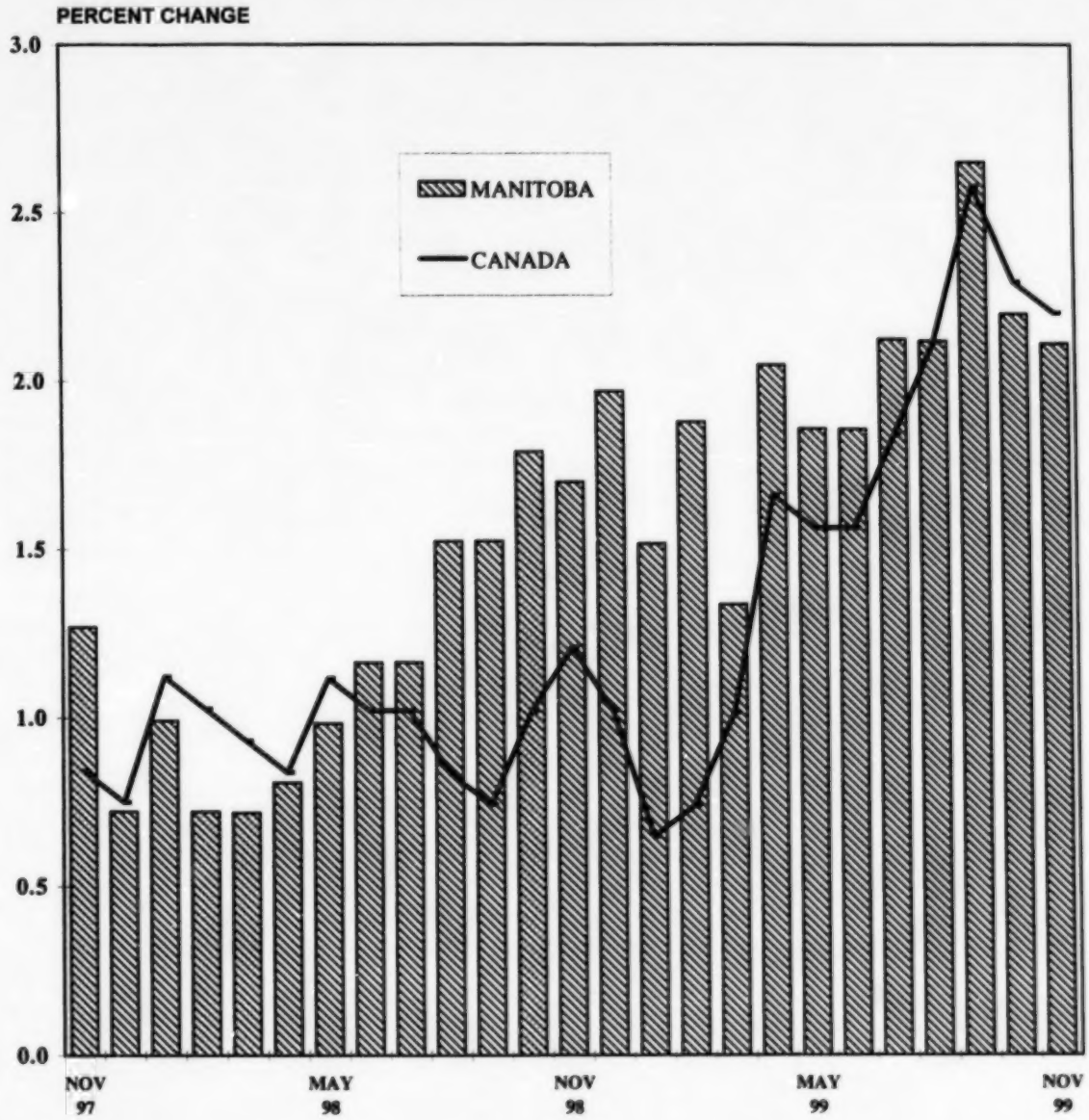
MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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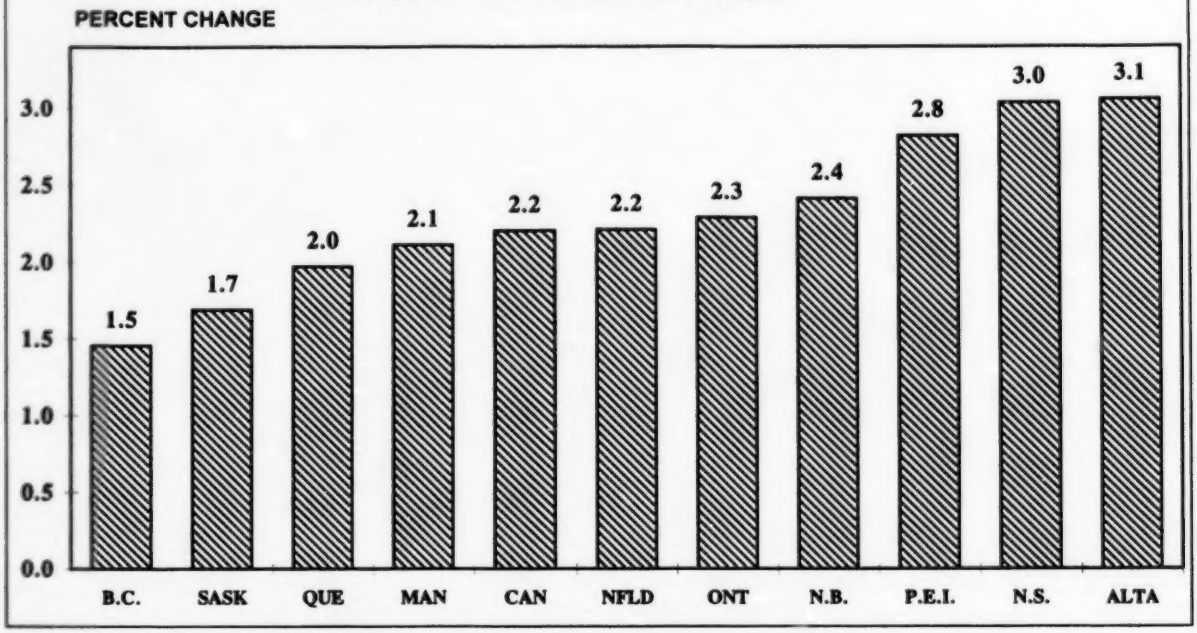

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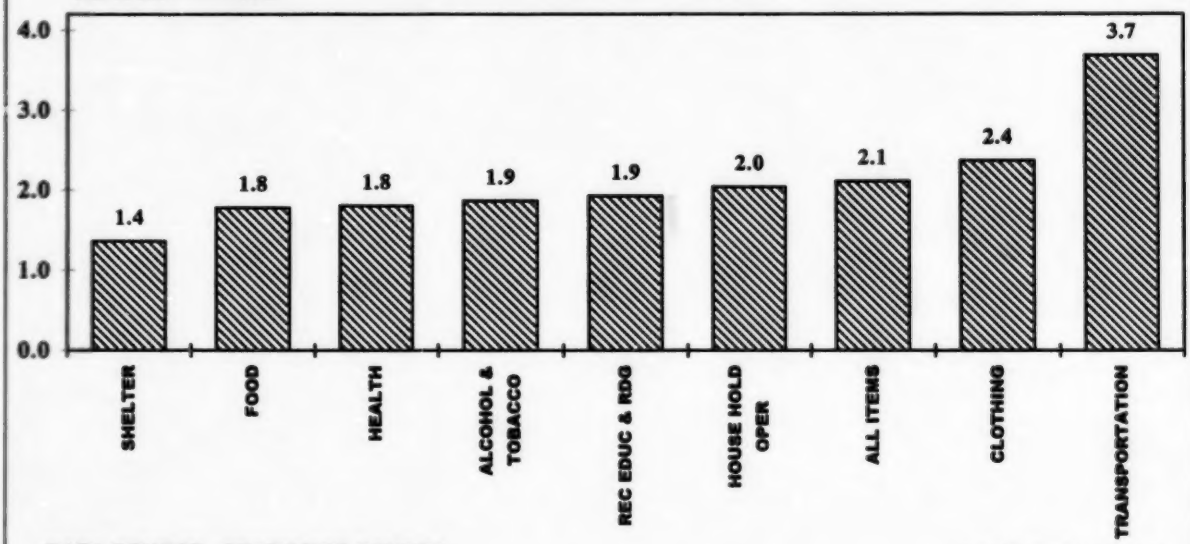

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR NOVEMBER 1999

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	NOV 99	OCT 99	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 98	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 99	OCT 99	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	116.1	116.2	-0.1	113.7	2.1	111.4	111.5	-0.1	109.0	2.2
FOOD	114.4	112.9	1.3	112.4	1.8	110.6	109.9	0.6	109.7	0.8
SHELTER	111.7	111.6	0.1	110.2	1.4	105.9	105.8	0.1	104.2	1.6
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	110.1	110.1	0.0	107.9	2.0	109.5	109.6	-0.1	107.9	1.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	116.7	119.2	-2.1	114.0	2.4	105.4	107.3	-1.8	104.5	0.9
TRANSPORTATION	129.5	130.0	-0.4	124.9	3.7	127.3	127.1	0.2	121.1	5.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	112.8	112.5	0.3	110.8	1.8	110.5	110.6	-0.1	108.9	1.5
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	121.7	123.0	-1.1	119.4	1.9	120.3	122.0	-1.4	117.2	2.6
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	103.9	104.1	-0.2	102.0	1.9	95.1	94.6	0.5	93.5	1.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	116.5	117.0	-0.4	114.0	2.2	111.6	111.9	-0.3	108.9	2.5
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	116.2	116.5	-0.3	114.0	1.9	111.0	111.2	-0.2	109.3	1.6
ENERGY	119.6	121.3	-1.4	114.0	4.9	115.8	116.8	-0.9	104.1	11.2
GOODS	114.0	113.9	0.1	111.9	1.9	108.7	108.8	-0.1	106.2	2.4
SERVICES	118.5	118.7	-0.2	115.7	2.4	114.5	114.7	-0.2	112.3	2.0

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR NOVEMBER 1999

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	NOV 99	OCT 99	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 98	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 99	OCT 99	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	116.1	116.2	-0.1	113.7	2.1	114.4	112.9	1.3	112.4	1.8
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	114.5	114.3	0.2	112.6	1.7	111.5	109.6	1.7	111.1	0.4
ALBERTA	114.6	115.1	-0.4	111.2	3.1	109.8	109.0	0.7	107.9	1.8
BRITISH COLUMBIA	111.5	111.8	-0.3	109.9	1.5	113.1	113.2	-0.1	112.7	0.4
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	111.8	111.9	-0.1	109.3	2.3	110.5	109.7	0.7	108.9	1.5
QUEBEC	108.8	109.0	-0.2	106.7	2.0	109.9	109.3	0.5	110.3	-0.4
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	110.4	110.4	0.0	107.8	2.4	110.7	109.2	1.4	108.4	2.1
NOVA SCOTIA	112.0	111.7	0.3	108.7	3.0	111.9	110.8	1.0	110.2	1.5
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	109.4	108.4	0.9	106.4	2.8	108.5	108.6	-0.1	107.2	1.2
NEWFOUNDLAND	111.1	110.9	0.2	108.7	2.2	110.7	110.1	0.5	110.6	0.1
* MANITOBA RANK			5		4			8		9

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF NOVEMBER 1999)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.1	2.2	1.4	1.1	2.0	1.6
FOOD	1.8	0.8	0.4	0.7	1.2	1.4
SHELTER	1.4	1.6	4.8	3.5	1.9	1.3
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	2.0	1.5	0.0	1.5	2.1	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	2.4	0.9	2.8	-3.3	2.2	1.4
TRANSPORTATION	3.7	5.1	0.6	2.9	3.0	2.6
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.8	1.5	1.1	0.0	2.4	1.9
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	1.9	2.6	-1.3	-4.5	1.0	1.7
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	1.9	1.7	-0.8	2.1	2.6	2.1
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.2	2.5	1.4	1.1	2.2	1.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.9	1.6	1.7	0.4	2.0	1.4
ENERGY	4.9	11.2	1.0	7.2	3.8	4.1
GOODS	1.9	2.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5
SERVICES	2.4	2.0	1.4	0.4	2.6	1.7

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	NOV 99	OCT 99	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	116.2	116.3	-0.1	2.1	2.0
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	115.4	115.2	0.2	1.7	1.8
SASKATOON	114.2	114.0	0.2	1.8	1.8
CALGARY	115.5	116.1	-0.5	3.7	2.5
EDMONTON	113.3	113.7	-0.4	2.6	2.2
VANCOUVER	111.7	111.9	-0.2	1.5	0.8
VICTORIA	111.4	111.7	-0.3	1.4	0.9
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	112.1	112.2	-0.1	2.2	1.6
TORONTO	112.2	112.2	0.0	2.5	1.8
OTTAWA	113.2	113.3	-0.1	2.4	1.7
MONTREAL	108.9	109.1	-0.2	1.9	1.5
QUEBEC	109.7	109.9	-0.2	2.0	1.4
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	110.3	110.3	0.0	2.6	1.4
HALIFAX	111.4	111.1	0.3	3.0	1.5
CHARLOTTETOWN	109.4	108.5	0.8	2.6	0.9
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	111.3	111.1	0.2	2.2	1.3
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			9	7	14

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - DECEMBER 1999

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	DECEMBER 99/DECEMBER 98	DECEMBER 99/NOVEMBER 99
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CANADA	2.6	0.1

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On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.3% in December, after declining 0.1% the previous month. The food component of the index rose 1.0% in December, with higher prices noted for bakery and cereal products, vegetables, beef, processed meats, dairy products and fresh fruit. Gasoline prices were also higher last month, and increases were also noted for children's clothing. These increases were partly offset by lower prices for women's clothing, footwear and furniture and household appliances. Recreation charges also decreased in December, as did the price of some food items, notably poultry and eggs. Overall prices at the national level rose 0.1% in December, following a 0.1% decline in November.

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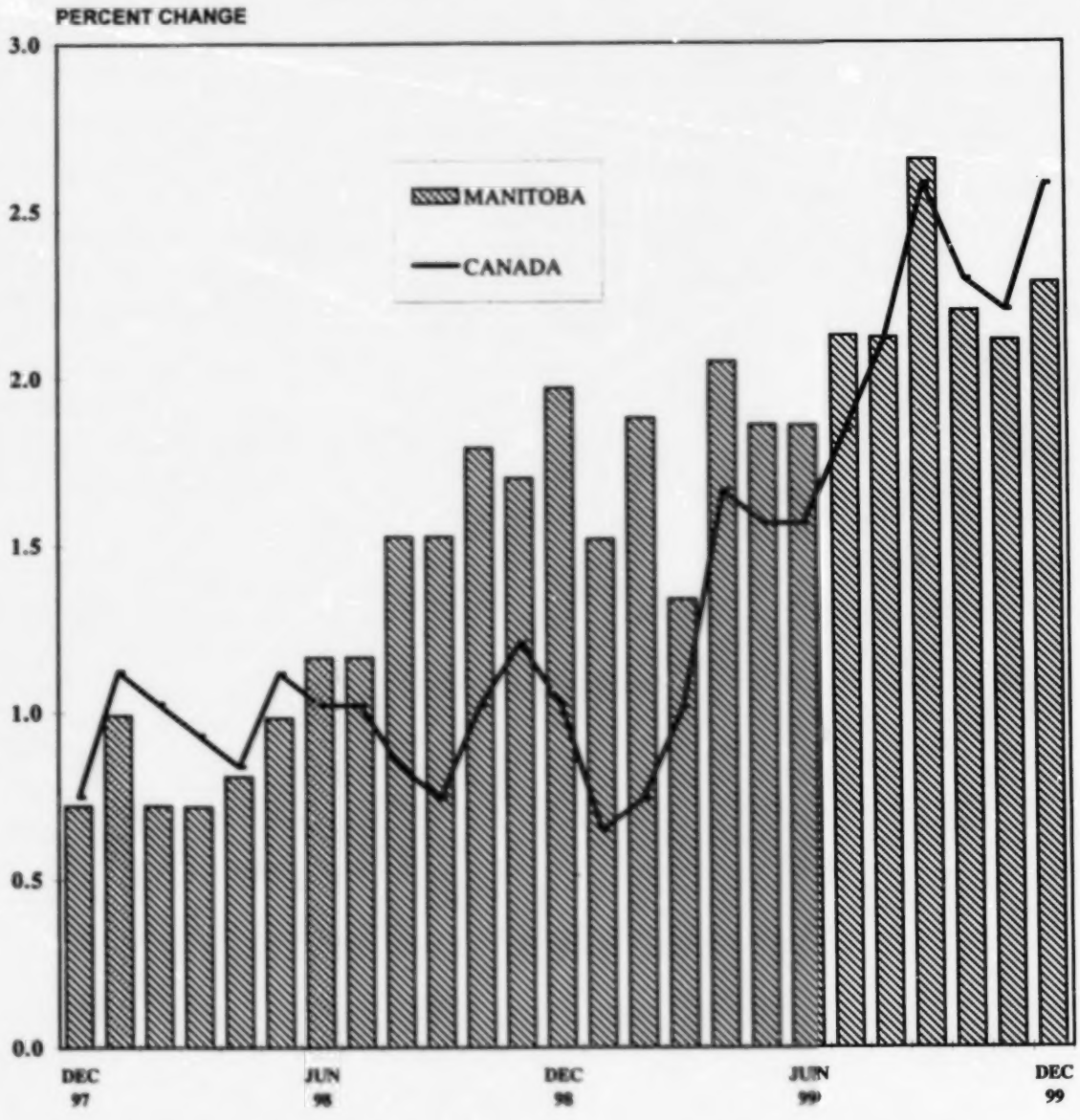
MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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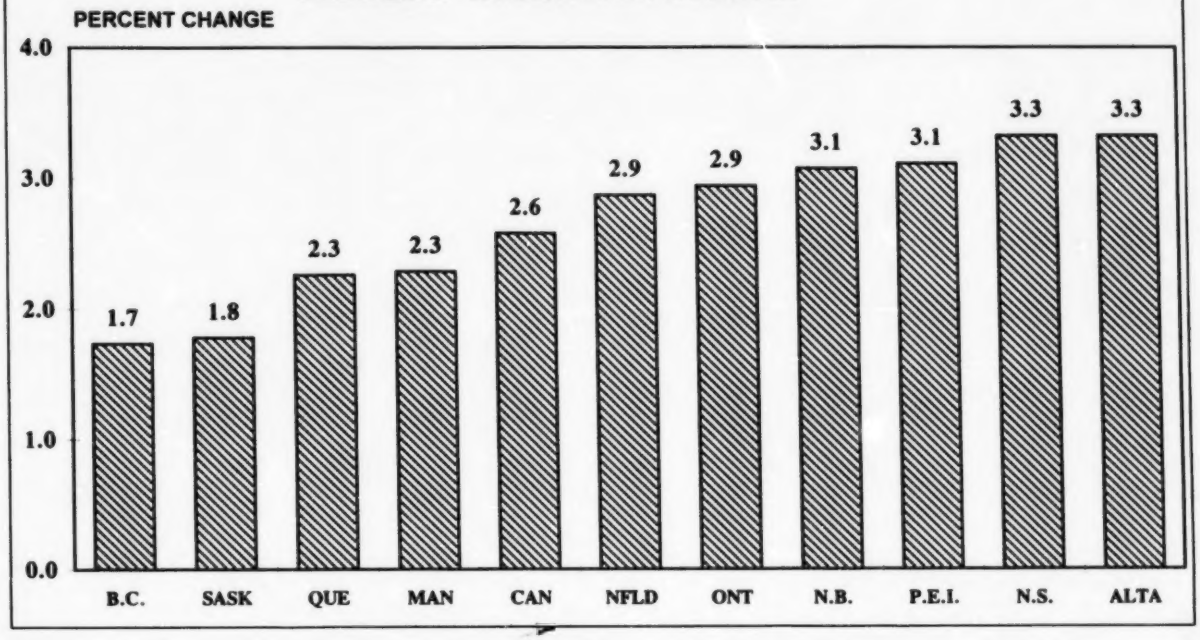

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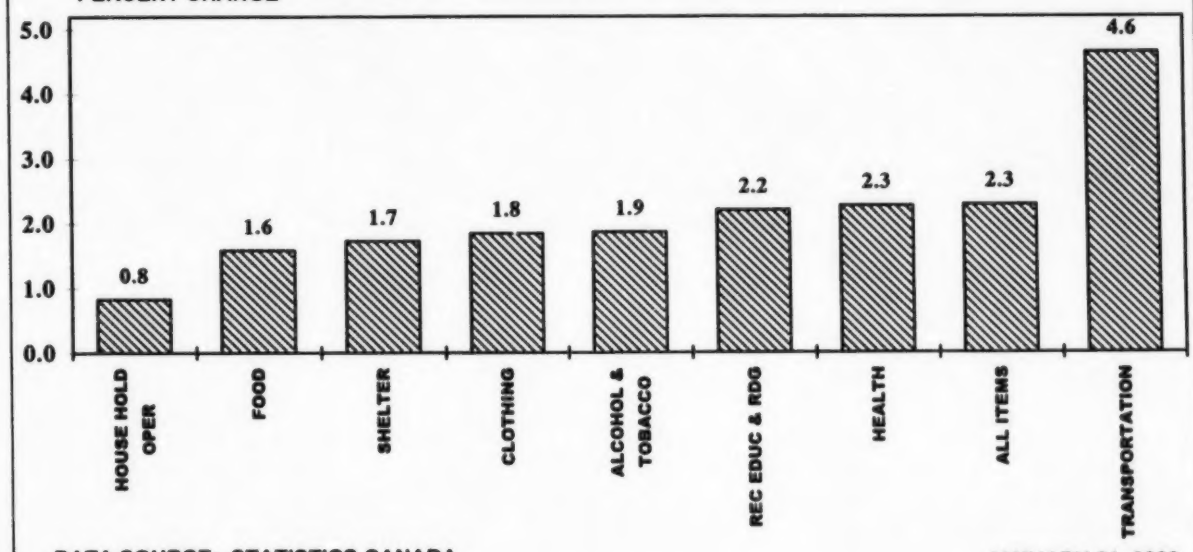

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR DECEMBER 1999

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	DEC 99	NOV 99	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 98	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 99	NOV 99	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	116.5	116.1	0.3	113.9	2.3	111.5	111.4	0.1	108.7	2.6
FOOD	115.5	114.4	1.0	113.7	1.6	110.9	110.6	0.3	109.7	1.1
SHELTER	112.1	111.7	0.4	110.2	1.7	106.4	105.9	0.5	104.4	1.9
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	109.6	110.1	-0.5	108.7	0.8	109.2	109.5	-0.3	107.8	1.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.9	116.7	-0.7	113.8	1.8	103.4	105.4	-1.9	102.6	0.8
TRANSPORTATION	130.7	129.5	0.9	124.9	4.6	128.3	127.3	0.8	120.3	6.7
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	113.0	112.8	0.2	110.5	2.3	110.8	110.5	0.3	108.8	1.8
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	121.0	121.7	-0.6	118.4	2.2	119.4	120.3	-0.7	116.5	2.5
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	103.9	103.9	0.0	102.0	1.9	95.9	95.1	0.8	93.4	2.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	116.7	116.5	0.2	114.0	2.4	111.7	111.6	0.1	108.6	2.9
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	116.1	116.2	-0.1	114.1	1.8	110.9	111.0	-0.1	109.1	1.6
ENERGY	122.1	119.6	2.1	113.2	7.9	118.4	115.8	2.2	102.9	15.1
GOODS	114.5	114.0	0.4	112.3	2.0	109.0	108.7	0.3	105.6	3.2
SERVICES	118.6	118.5	0.1	115.7	2.5	114.5	114.5	0.0	112.2	2.0

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR DECEMBER 1999

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	DEC 99	NOV 99	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 98	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 99	NOV 99	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 98	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	116.5	116.1	0.3	113.9	2.3	115.5	114.4	1.0	113.7	1.6
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	114.5	114.5	0.0	112.5	1.8	111.7	111.5	0.2	111.5	0.2
ALBERTA	115.1	114.6	0.4	111.4	3.3	110.6	109.8	0.7	107.8	2.6
BRITISH COLUMBIA	111.6	111.5	0.1	109.7	1.7	114.3	113.1	1.1	112.7	1.4
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	112.1	111.8	0.3	108.9	2.9	110.6	110.5	0.1	109.0	1.5
QUEBEC	108.7	108.8	-0.1	106.3	2.3	110.0	109.9	0.1	110.0	0.0
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	110.7	110.4	0.3	107.4	3.1	110.1	110.7	-0.5	108.0	1.9
NOVA SCOTIA	112.0	112.0	0.0	108.4	3.3	111.8	111.9	-0.1	109.8	1.8
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	109.4	109.4	0.0	106.1	3.1	109.1	108.5	0.6	107.9	1.1
NEWFOUNDLAND	111.1	111.1	0.0	108.0	2.9	109.2	110.7	-1.4	109.5	-0.3
* MANITOBA RANK			9		4			9		7

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF DECEMBER 1999)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.3	2.6	1.0	0.4	2.0	1.7
FOOD	1.6	1.1	8.4	4.1	1.3	1.3
SHELTER	1.7	1.9	4.0	3.1	1.9	1.4
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	0.8	1.3	-3.9	-1.1	2.0	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	1.8	0.8	-8.5	-13.4	2.1	1.4
TRANSPORTATION	4.6	6.7	1.9	4.2	3.3	3.3
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	2.3	1.8	2.5	0.7	2.3	1.9
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	2.2	2.5	-7.9	-9.4	1.0	1.8
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	1.9	2.7	-0.8	5.6	2.6	2.1
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.4	2.9	-0.7	-0.7	2.2	1.8
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.8	1.6	-1.0	-1.4	1.9	1.4
ENERGY	7.9	15.1	2.7	10.8	4.4	5.7
GOODS	2.0	3.2	1.8	2.2	1.5	1.8
SERVICES	2.5	2.0	-0.3	-1.4	2.5	1.7

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS THREE DIFFERENT METHODS:

(1) THE MOST COMMONLY USED METHOD OF REPORTING THE INFLATION RATE, BASED ON PERCENT CHANGE FROM THE SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO.

(2) PROVIDES A MEASURE OF THE CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF INFLATION. THE GROWTH RATE OVER THE PRECEEDING THREE MONTHS IS CALCULATED AND THEN COMPOUNDED AT AN ANNUAL RATE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE CALCULATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED.

(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR DECEMBER 1999: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	DEC 99	NOV 99	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	116.5	116.2	0.3	2.2	2.0
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	115.4	115.4	0.0	1.8	1.8
SASKATOON	114.2	114.2	0.0	2.0	1.8
CALGARY	116.0	115.5	0.4	3.5	2.6
EDMONTON	113.8	113.3	0.4	3.2	2.3
VANCOUVER	111.8	111.7	0.1	1.5	0.9
VICTORIA	111.5	111.4	0.1	1.6	1.0
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	112.5	112.1	0.4	3.0	1.8
TORONTO	112.5	112.2	0.3	3.1	2.0
OTTAWA	113.5	113.2	0.3	3.0	1.9
MONTREAL	108.8	108.9	-0.1	2.2	1.6
QUEBEC	109.5	109.7	-0.2	2.1	1.5
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	110.6	110.3	0.3	3.3	1.6
HALIFAX	111.2	111.4	-0.2	3.1	1.7
CHARLOTTETOWN	109.3	109.4	-0.1	2.8	1.2
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	111.2	111.3	-0.1	2.8	1.5
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			10	7	13

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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* Ranking is done in ascending order from the lowest to the highest

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS TWO DIFFERENT METHODS:

(1) THE MOST COMMONLY USED METHOD OF REPORTING THE INFLATION RATE, BASED ON PERCENT CHANGE FROM THE SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO.

(2) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.